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TITLE: **Methods and Reagents for Detecting Increased :
Risk of Developing an Inflammatory Disorder**

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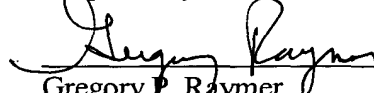
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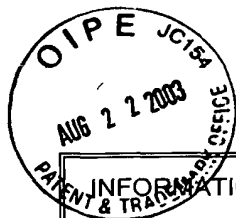
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